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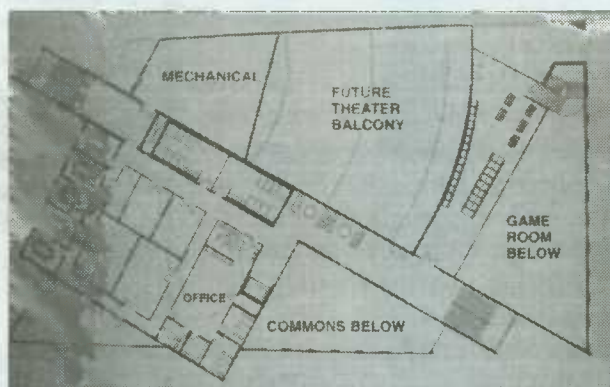
The Student Newspaper of The University of Texas-Pan American

Advisory Board rejects Union exterior, gives architects OK on interior plans

The proposed Student Union's first floor will house a 500-seat theater, gameroom, retail store, and a food court with indoor and outdoor dining facilities



The Union's second floor will contain study rooms, meeting rooms, as well as the offices for the Student Union director and the Office of Student Activities



Stating the proposed exterior did not compliment the university, the Student Union Advisory Board (SUAB) Friday told architects to resubmit exterior plans for the new Student Union.

"Some members felt the building didn't fit in with the campus and that it was too modern," said Holly Hewlett, a member of SUAB.

"In order for the proposed plans of the building to be submitted to the UT Regents", said George Gallegos UT System Senior Project Manager, "the Board must unanimously vote for the proposed structure."

Even though the proposed exterior plan split the board 4 against with it 5 for it, most members felt they could come to a resolution soon.

The interior of the building was unanimously passed and the exterior is the last issue for the Student Board.

The purpose of this building is to "illicit students to chose the SAU instead of the billiards across the street," said Hewlett.

The next meeting for the proposed Student Union will be held at 1:30 p.m. on October 21st in room 3.2429 in the Engineering Building. Architects for the project are Marmon Mok of San Antonio and the contractor is Wilson Construction of McAllen.

Groundbreaking is expected to occur in late spring or early summer, with opening of the building projected for September 2000.

— Celina Peña

ROTC team heads to Ft. Hood for Army Ranger competition

UTPA's ROTC will be heading for Ranger competition at Fort Hood this weekend. The ROTC's team consists of nine members.

The team was chosen by team captain Alejandro Gonzales. "We train every morning, and during these times, Gonzales has chosen members he feels will help succeed in the competition," said Cadet Captain Lopez.

The ROTC has sixteen labs. The cadets separate into teams of 12 to 18 members platoons. The labs help the cadets train and perfect their capabilities and abilities. They train to compete individually yet also learn to work with teams.

"The cadets love the competition. We have incentives to keep them motivated," Lopez said.



—Celina Peña

UTPA ROTC members in formation. The group heads to Fort Hood this weekend for Ranger competition.

EDITORIAL

October 13, 1998

How to get by on \$1 or less a day

Today's lecture on college survival is about how to get by on \$1 or less a day.

With a little creativity and depravity it can be done.

After all, thanks to Uncle Sam (and Mamma Sam and Daddy Sam), your tuition, board and books are paid for already. That's great because theoretically, that's all the expense you should have.

Theoretically, of course.

As we all know, certain "extra expenses" come up during the semester. You know them: beer, traffic tickets and tattoo removal. Those require money — usually up front.

We don't have time to cover all the ways to make that money. So to make things easy, we'll just assume your income comes from the three main sources everyone taps into: plasma

donation, pawn shops and knocking over 7-Elevens. Needless to say, those options don't reel in a whole lot of cash — they don't require much work, either — so careful budgeting of your marginally legal income is necessary.

FOOD

Eating cheap is actually easy. Just scan a copy of your student newspaper for any meetings on campus. Several will offer free food. The upside is that you'll also get involved in campus activities — and that means more food-filled meetings.

Cost to you: None. It's free, you twit. (There is, however, a mental sacrifice involved here. But, in the long run, free pizza is worth listening to an hour of environmentally friendly, fat-free, Republican-bashing haiku.)

SHOPPING

If you really need something, your folks often will give you the money. Of course, convincing them that you are in dire need of 12 gallons of "South Park"-scented Vaseline might prove difficult.

Which brings us to the most important money-saving tip when it comes to shopping: Don't go.

There really is no need for new clothes. On any given day there will be numerous cell phone, credit card and campus groups giving away free T-shirts. Fill out an application, get a shirt. It's free trade at it's purest.

Another little hint: Give 'em your parents' name and address. That way, after the lists are sold to telemarketers, your parents can enjoy the limitless opportunities provided by telephone sales.

Cost to you: Nothing but the time required to fill out countless forms. Heck, we do that all the time for the university free of charge.

ENTERTAINMENT

This one is tricky. Movies cost money, dinner costs money, and concerts cost a lot of money.

Colleges and universities do put on free shows for students. Unfortunately the movies are usually bad David Schwimmer films (Isn't saying "bad David

Schwimmer film" redundant?)

Until "Spice World" hits campus, consider my modus operandi: Nothing provides cheap entertainment like childish, juvenile pranks.

I'm not talking about hiding underwear in the freezer (Although, once I hid an entire load of whites in the bottom of an ice machine). I'm talking inane, little pranks that rightfully earn the description "sophomoric behavior."

Start simply - like, say, putting "South Park" Vaseline on doorknobs up and down your hall. (Another friendly hint: Grease your own door, too, because you'll give yourself away otherwise.)

When you're ready, try more complex and dangerous pranks. For example, send a letter to your favorite sorority and sign it from the Center for Disease Control, based in Atlanta. Tell the recipients that members of one of the fraternities on campus have been found to carry a contagious disease. Feel free to make up an illness, and be creative about it. Give it a long name and barely plausible symptoms. Remember: the more scabs the better.

Next, randomly pick a name out of the campus directory. Call the person and confess to a having a torrid affair with his or her significant other. There's a 50-50 chance they'll be single. In that case, apologize and hang up. (I'm not a total jerk.)

(DISCLAIMER: Doing any of the aforementioned pranks may lead to fines, expulsions and ass-kickings. I assume no responsibility for anyone stupid enough to do any of these things. Just ask my attorneys at ScrewDja, Oveur and ButtGud.)

Cost to you: Negligible. You have a phone, and you can always steal your roommate's 12 gallons of Vaseline.

BEER

After trying all of the cost-cutting suggestions listed above, you should have \$7. That works out to 14 50-cent beers offered during drink specials. That money will also go a long way toward buying a case.

Then again, you could always continue saving your money and get your drinks — clothes, movies, etc. — cheaply by dating a rich dude or chick.

— Al Forkner
The Daily Nebraskan
U. of Nebraska



Student likens Library fees To extortion

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter as a warning to all fellow students and would be grateful if you could find space to print it.

For years now the FBI has fought to get the Mafia out of city and state governments, yet they allow Mafia tactics to be used here at our university. Namely the University Library! It seems that the University of Texas System has legalized extortion. If you have the displeasure of dealing with the reserve section you will find a fifty cents an hour late charge. This means that if you return a book only one day late you will owe exactly \$12.00, this is OUTRAGEOUS, but that's not all, if by chance you also have a research paper to write and need Inter Library Loan books and have not paid your late fee you cannot get your desperately needed Inter Library Loan books. If that is not extortion, somebody please tell me what it is!

One more point of interest. The books in the reserve section do not even belong to the university; they belong to the professors, yet the library can gouge students with a fifty cent an hour late fee. It is understandable to charge a late fee but be reasonable about it. The McAllen public library only charges five cents a day, that is one whole day, not \$12.00 a day for late fees.

We as college students know and understand that books need to be returned on time but that does not mean that the University should allow the library to extort money from its own students.

Sincerely,
Gerald R. Johnson



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NEWS

Board's report shows college costs rising

NEW YORK (CPX) — Students attending public universities are paying an average of 4% more in tuition this year compared to last year, a new study says. Meanwhile, students at four-year private schools are paying about 5 percent more, an average of \$14,500 for the year.

Depending on the type of institution, students will pay anywhere from \$66 to \$723 more than last year, reported the College Board, which releases a study on college costs yearly.

That's just tuition. Students can expect to pay up to 5 percent more for room and board this year, too.

Commenting on the latest figures, College Board President Donald M. Stewart said that "the cost of attending college presents a steadily rising challenge to many Americans—particularly the most financially disadvantaged."

At the same time, however, the financial aid available to those students was \$60 billion, up 6 percent from a year ago, according to the College Board.

But most of the increase in financial aid was money students have to pay back — loans. "For the better part of the last 20 years, we have been drifting from a grant-based to a loan-based form of financial aid," Lawrence E. Gladieux, the College Board's executive director for policy analysis, said.

"The truth is that the majority of Americans often overestimate the price of attending college and may be discouraged by those miscalculations," Stewart said. He noted that majority of all students at four-year colleges and universities pay less than \$4,000 per year for tuition and fees.

While acknowledging that a college education is not "inexpensive or easy," Stewart said that families should consider it an investment in "earning potential and learning potential" that may require "foresight, planning, prudent saving — and perhaps some sacrifice."

The findings, reported in Trends in College Pricing 1998, are based on data collected in the College Board's Annual Survey of Colleges, 1998-99.

Police department selects Carey as assistant chief

The University Police Department has selected W. Jay Carey to be the new Assistant Chief of Police.

Carey, a veteran of law enforcement for over 25 years, served the past five years as the chief of police for the Judson Independent School District. He has also served with municipal and county law enforcement agencies in

Delaware and Texas.

His primary goals are to assist current chief Howard Miller in implementing various projects within the department.

Carey is a graduate of Pickville College in Kentucky, where he earned his bachelor's degree in education.

Q&A

Should UTPA allow more time between classes?

- John Wiesehan



Katie Clark
Sophomore
Anthropology

No. I have just enough time between classes to get where I need to go. Sometimes it takes the whole 10 minutes. I can see where more time will be needed as construction continues.

Matt Slusher
Junior
English

No. I believe that 10 minutes is plenty of time between classes. If they extended the time, that would mean that I would have to stay later. I would rather get out earlier than to have to stay later.



Gloria Neagle
Senior
Interdisciplinary Studies

No. All my classes are in the same building, so I don't need much time between them. When I was taking my basics, I could have used the extra time. I can see where it would help freshmen.



Carol Rockhill
Sophomore
History

Yes. Classes are so big that it takes 5 minutes just to get out of the building. This leave only 5 minutes to make it to the next building, which could be across campus.



Ted deVries
Junior
Math

Yes. The 10 minutes given is not enough time between classes. It doesn't allow students time to use the restroom or get a soda. Also, students need more time between classes to clear their heads.



**Flu Shot Mini-Clinic
TODAY!**

**11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Health
Science Center Lobby**

From Student Health services
and the UTPA B.S.N. Program

NEWS

Campus Security Legislation signed into Law

Law to improve student safety at campuses across the US, says advocacy group

WASHINGTON – Last week, President Clinton signed into law a higher education bill containing extensive campus security related provisions.

The new law will expand disclosure of campus crime statistics as well as requiring schools to keep a police log available to the public.

Also, schools would no longer be able to hide violent criminal behavior in secret campus courts, as had been done in the past.

Other provisions will suspend aid to students convicted of drug crimes, and create programs to address binge drinking and violence against women on college campuses.

The requirements, part of a five year reauthorization of federal higher education laws, will apply to all schools, both public and private, that participate in federal student aid programs.

These reforms come after years of charges that colleges were exploiting loopholes in reporting laws to underreport campus crimes and protect their images.

The members of Security On Campus, Inc., a national non-profit watchdog organization, joined with other victims' rights groups, media organizations led by the Society of Professional Journalists, and law enforcement groups to demand that Congress make schools be open and

honest about their campus crime.

"These changes will significantly improve campus safety across the country," said S. Daniel Carter the Vice President of SOC.

"Students have been deliberately left in the dark and couldn't make informed decisions about how to avoid and prevent campus crime."

"Also left in the dark are the Boards of Trustees and certain administrators. This public information available to trustees, alumni, faculty and parents will force administrators to provide adequate assets to reduce all types of crime, especially student-on-student crime," added Carter.

The amendments mark the first

major revisions of a reporting law enacted in 1990 to address increasing violence on college campuses.

Howard and Connie Clery, SOC's co-founders, led the effort to pass that law after their daughter Jeanne was murdered at Lehigh University in 1986.

The new law is named in memory of Jeanne Clery. Connie Clery said the new law is "a living memorial to our beautiful daughter and the thousands of other victims of campus crime. This will save many lives."

Nearly 50,000 crimes are reported on colleges annually according to the U.S. Department of Education.

OCTOBER

13 MINI-CLINIC: Last day for flu shots, 11:30-1:30 p.m. in the Health Sciences Lobby by the stairs.

13 PRESENTATION: "Dia De La Raza or Dia Los Indigenos" at Noon in the Science Quad. The story of people who settled America, presented by El Sexto Sol De MEChA and Sigma Lambda Beta.

13 ORGANIZATION: Chi Alpha meeting Noon-1:00 p.m. in the Nursing Building 1.114/UC 307A. For info: Ruben Agullion 381-0277.

14 DEADLINE: Last day to submit application for Barry Goldwater Scholarship. Apply at Engineering 1.294. For info: 381-2182.

14 SOCIAL ETIQUETTE WORKSHOP: Taught by Amanda Propst to improve how you interact with professionals confidently. Held at the Bronc Room, UC 103. RSVP by Oct. 13 at 381-2260.

14-18 PLAY: University Theatre presents *Six Characters in Search of an Author* at 8 p.m. (2 p.m. Sunday).

15 CAREER FAIR: Graduate/Professional School Fair 9-12:30 p.m. in the University Ballroom.

16 AAP WORKSHOP: Accelerated Program for Educator Preparation & Certification. Workshop

will be held at the Education Complex Room. 119 at 6 p.m.

16 MIDNIGHT MADNESS: First practice of men and women's basketball at 10 p.m. in the Field House.

17 DRIVE-IN-MOVIE: 8 p.m. to Midnight next to the Student Services Building.

19-20 MOBILE RADIOGRAPHY UNIT: In front of Emilia Hall. The screening is being offered for \$50, including radiologist's interpretation. Call student Health Services at 381-2511 for appointment.

20 CONCERT: UTPA Choir Concert at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

25 SENIOR RECITAL: Seniors Lynnette Amriz, voice, and Jamie Young, flute, perform at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

30 CARNIVAL: Carnival of the Great Pumpkin 8 p.m. to Midnight in the Field House.

NOVEMBER

1 CONCERT: Opera Scene, 8 p.m., University Studio Theater in the Communication Arts and Sciences Building.

6 CONCERT: UTPA Mariachi, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

7 CONCERT: UTPA Mariachi. 2 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

7 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Moterrey Tech (exhibition), 5 p.m., Field House.

7 BASKETBALL: Broncs vs. Moterrey Tech (exhibition), 7:30 p.m., Field House.

8 SENIOR RECITAL: Kim Rodriguez, clarinet, performs at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

10 CONCERT: UTPA Jazz Ensemble. 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. General Admission \$3, faculty, staff, and students with I.D. and senior citizens \$2.

FOR INFORMATION

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Athletic Department	381-2221
Folkloric Dance	381-2230
Intramural office	381-3673
Music Department	381-3471
UTPA Theatre	381-3581

If your club or organization has an upcoming campus activity, *The Pan American* would like to post it in this Calendar. Send it to CAS 170 by NOON Thursday at least one week in advance.

FORUM

Do we really need to know how prejudiced we are?

SEATTLE (AP) — Researchers at the University of Washington and Yale University developed a new tool to measure unconscious prejudice, with the finding that it occurs in 9 out of 10 people.

The researchers, psychology professors Anthony Greenwald of the University of Washington and Mahzarin Banaji of Yale University, activated a Web site that allows people to test their own levels of prejudice and stereotyping.

They cautioned that results from the Implicit Association Test could be disturbing, especially for those who consider themselves prejudice-free.

The ingrained prejudices, they said, appear to be cultural influences learned over the course of a lifetime.

Greenwald was bothered to find the test uncovered subtle prejudices in himself, along with almost everyone else who takes it. And he understands those who don't want to hear that message.

"I don't believe I'm preju-

diced, but I believe I have the unconscious roots of prejudice," Greenwald said.

The test, which was an outgrowth of other techniques in social psychology, measures "implicit attitudes": positive or negative thoughts about one object that are powerful enough to rub off on associated objects.

people; old vs. young; gender stereotypes; and self-esteem, whether there's an automatic preference for oneself.

In the race test, participants are asked to classify as quickly as possible a list of names into those that are most often considered black, and those most often considered white.

Next, they are asked to clas-

sify words as "good" in meaning, such as love, or "bad," such as war.

Participants then group the names and words into two new lists: white names and good words, and black names and bad words.

The test is then switched: participants group white names and bad words, and black names and good words.

While on the surface the final two tests appear equally difficult, in nearly all cases, people take longer when grouping black names and good words than when grouping white names and good words. That indicates a preference for white names.

According to Banaji, the latent prejudices appear stronger among whites and Asians than among blacks.

One test administered to 1,300 freshmen at Yale, have found unconscious prejudices in 90 to 95 percent of participants.

Tests were checked to see if the order of questions, name or word familiarity or other factors affected how people responded, but the results remained much the same.

A description of the Implicit Association Test was published earlier this year in the

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, and Banaji and Greenwald say it's being adopted by other researchers.

Greenwald and Banaji caution that the test has potential for misuse outside of research laboratories.

They are worried that it could be used to screen people for jobs or to investigate people's unconscious likes or dislikes.

"We're concerned that this doesn't go the route of the lie-detector test," Greenwald said.

The goal of the Web site is to foster self-awareness. People who take the tests via the Internet don't have to identify themselves, or necessarily tell the truth when they respond.

Because of that, while some statistics will be kept on the Web site, there are no plans at present to use the data or the site for research, he said.

"Right now, we want to use the Web site as a place to educate people about themselves," Banaji said.

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-Mahzarin Banaji, Yale Psychology Professor

As an example, a person may have a positive view of a company because a loved one works for it.

Frequently, Banaji and Greenwald say, people are unaware they have such attitudes, which can be the exact opposite of a person's "explicit" views.

The site (<http://depts.washington.edu/iat/>) offers four tests, measuring unconscious prejudices of black vs. white

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Marla Salinas
Senior
Rehabilitation

Yes. Knowing what you are prejudiced against is the first step. It will stop people from fighting so much and make the world a better place.



Edward Montanez
Senior
Business

No. You don't need a test to see just how prejudiced you are, because no matter what, everyone has some sort of prejudice.



Ruben Cortez
Senior
Nursing

No. It's not necessary and certainly not accurate. Most people have an inclination to lie on these sorts of tests anyway.



Mark Trejo
Senior
Fine Arts

No. It's going too far. Everyone has different morals and standards, which aren't necessarily prejudices.

NEWS

Institute offers variety of programs for study abroad

A representative of the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) visited UTPA ~Friday and offered free advisement about the different programs being offered to study abroad.

For 35 years, students have participated in AIFS programs in thirteen different countries in Europe, Africa, Latin America, Australia, and Asia. According to the Assistant vice President College Division of AIFS Kerry A. Geffert, AIFS provides the students with experience and knowledge of another language, and many political, cultural, and economic changes the world faces today in a different perspective.

There are three different ways a student can study abroad. One choice is by direct enrollment, where the student actually applies directly to the college. "This is a cheap option, but you encounter your own living



— Consuelo García

Students from the American Institute for Foreign Studies hand out refreshments at the Business Administration Building in an effort to inform students about the program.

costs and arrangements. This can be a really tough experience; you are pretty much on your own," Geffert said.

A second option to study abroad is by exchange, in which students from two dif-

ferent countries simply exchange places. Geffert explained that the student is usually required to know the foreign language, and to prove his or her efficiency through different examinations.

The third option involves outside programs, which include AIFS. As Geffert explained, when students study abroad with AIFS, they bring back the credits which count towards graduation, but which might not affect the student's GPA. AIFS gives the students the opportunity to choose their own classes from the ones available during the semester.

In order to participate with AIFS, students need to pay certain fees and meet dead lines. According to Geffert, these fees, which vary by country and by semester, guarantee the students orientation, round trip flight tickets, tuition, room and board, meals, and the help of the resident director who is always available for students.

There are many different ways for a student to pay for a study abroad program. AIFS offers students with fifty \$1,000.00 scholarships during the fall and spring semesters,

ten \$500.00 scholarships during the summer and one full scholarship. According to Geffert, federal aid such as Stafford Loans and Perkins Loans can be transferred to these programs. Students can also seek church or any service organizations that offer scholarships to study abroad. However, "these programs cannot be funded by working in the foreign country due to different visas and other restrictions required by the countries," Geffert said.

Students can also take advantage of completing an internship, earning from nine to eighteen credit hours. "This is a great way to built your career," Geffert said.

For more information on foreign studies, you can visit the AIFS web site at <http://www.aitis.com>. Or you can stop by the Center for International Studies located in the COAS building room 342.

UT Students donate extra meals As part of Feed Austin program

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN – After two days of soliciting meal donations for its new Feed Austin program, the University Residence Hall Association obtained 1,200 meals to hand out to area homeless shelters.

The idea for the program was proposed by the residence hall association last year when many students ended up with large quantities of paid-for but unused meals left on their dining cards.

"At the end of the year they end up with like 50 extra meals," said Corey Ouslander, the association's president. "I decided they need to donate those meals to the hungry."

Since the program is currently on a pilot basis, students were only allowed to donate two meals, said

Stephanie Latzke, area coordinator for housing and food.

"The meals will go into a meal bank for the semester, and people can take them to charities," Latzke said.

Different groups of students living in on-campus housing will transport meals from the dorm cafeterias to shelters.

"Each residence hall, picks an organization to donate the meals to," Ouslander said.

The UT Division of Housing and Food is optimistic about expanding the amount of donated meals next semester, said Murray Stopherd, associate director for housing and food.

"If it works, we'll look at doubling that in the spring semester," said Stopherd.

The new program makes it easier for the residence hall

cafeterias to control food quantities and make sure food is handled safely.

"Last year we had a lot of informal groups picking up large amounts of meals," he said. "It wasn't organized. On some days we even ran out of food."

The program has been well received on campus and throughout the community.

"Students really like it," he said. "We've called the soup kitchens and Salvation Army and they love the idea."

Ouslander added that Feed Austin provides students with an easier way to donate.

"A lot of times, they bring homeless people in and swipe them in on their meal cards," he said. "We thought this would probably be an easier way to donate meals."

Annual Florida music festival Results in 12 drug related arrests

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Not everyone who attended the Alachua Music Harvest last week was there for the music.

Gainesville police conducted an undercover operation at the annual event resulting in the arrests of 12 people, including one UF student and four juveniles.

Members of the Gainesville Police Neighborhood Enforcement Team attended the last two days of the three-day concert dressed in plain clothes and kept an eye out for drug activity, GPD Lt. Ed Book said.

Book said it wasn't difficult to catch people doing and dealing drugs festival.

"There was massive drug use," Book said.

Police decided to go under-

cover at the Music Harvest because of complaints of drug use and underage drinking.

"The names of the stages are a good indication of the types of people who might go," said Book, referring to an article that called the event's performance areas the Crystal Meth and the Vapor Rub Stages.

According to Book, there was little, and inadequate security at the event.

He said there was also a tremendous amount of underage drinking. However, police did not make any arrests for underage drinking.

Among the drugs confiscated were methamphetamine, ecstasy, LSD, marijuana, mushrooms and nitrous oxide in whippets.

NEWS

Site helps students find The right career online

BOSTON – Millions of college students nationwide are getting a head start on their career search at www.experienceonline.com: an online service that gives the “inside scoop” on today’s hottest industries and companies.

Developed by Boston-based Ivy Productions, experience tells students exactly what it takes to land a job in 20 different professional industries.

“With experience, students don’t have to spend months researching and networking,” says Jennifer Floren, the 27-year-old president of Ivy Productions.

“We provide students with one place on the Internet where they can quickly and easily explore their career options and make educated professional decisions,” she added.

In addition to the free, valuable career information and interactive tools at www.experienceonline.com, users can also access three subscription-based services:

Sum Career Explorer: Containing

comprehensive profiles of 20 of today’s hottest industries – from banking and consulting to film and high tech.

Each profile covers information on getting started in the industry, internships, entry-level positions, resumes, cover letters and interviewing.

Sum Inside Track: Exclusive insider profiles of the top companies in each industry, highlighting the corporate environment, the types of job opportunities available, and specifics on breaking into the company.

Sum Experience on Campus: Over 100 colleges nationwide have subscribed to experience on campus, a university partnership program that provides the career Explorer service FREE to all students and alumni at member schools.

“We update our site daily with fresh new information from our exclusive interviews with industry insiders: thousands of professionals share their tips on breaking into the hottest industries and top companies,” says Floren.

Future teachers get advice on handling job interviews



A seminar on developing job interviewing skills was held Wednesday for Education majors gradu-

ating in December. A spokesperson for UTPA’s placement office said about 130 students attended.

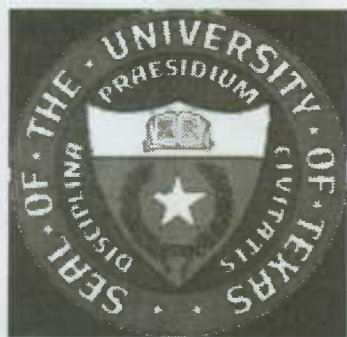
Dr. Christina Garcia of Harlingen CISD described the ideal candidate. “Do not go cold turkey, it does not work,” she said. She suggested that applicants practice responses to anticipated questions. She also gave students examples of the types of questions they will be asked.

“Appearance counts,” she said. She told students not only to dress nicely for interviews, but appropriately. Garcia stressed punctuality, courtesy, and articulation. “Do everything possible to accommodate people who call (for interviews),” she

advised.

McAllen ISD Director of Personnel David Garcia told the students that graduating in December gave them an advantage. He said that teachers that work at least 90 days are given a year’s experience. He reminded the seniors that a diploma does not insure a job. He said that MISD usually hires about 120 teachers, but they receive 4000 applicants. He advised that applicants attend interviews mentally cocky. “Leave them with a mental message,” he said.

UT System will offer Master’s programs online



AUSTIN - Two on-line graduate degree programs, in business management and educational technology, will begin next fall in The UT System, allowing students to earn a master’s degree entirely through the World Wide Web, multimedia, and related technologies.

The programs are being designed to fill a need for graduate education among Texans who cannot attend classes on a university campus because of conflicts with their work hours, family responsibilities, distance from a campus, or other reasons. The

master’s degree program in educational technology is expected to be especially attractive to public school teachers.

By enrolling in these on-line programs, students will be able to complete a master’s degree through instruction delivered to a computer at the office, home, a public library, or other remote site that is accessible to the Internet. They will be able to interact with faculty members and other students via the Internet, and they will have access to digital libraries and the full range of student services enjoyed by campus-based students.

The course work and other services will be “asynchronous,” meaning that a student will be able to use the on-line services at any time and from any place.

“We are developing these graduate programs as a way to

help meet the educational needs of Texans who, for whatever reasons, cannot attend classes on a university campus in the traditional way,” said UT System Chancellor William H. Cunningham.

These are the first graduate programs to be offered through the UT TeleCampus, the centralized Web-based system that opened last spring. The TeleCampus, a comprehensive electronic conduit to the resources and services of all 15 institutions in the U. T. System, provides a “one-stop” source of support services for students engaged in distance education. Many of its services are also accessible by the general public.

In the business program, students will take 48 semester hours of classes and will earn an MBA in general management. To participate in the program, a student must enroll

in one of eight UT System general academic universities that are participating. Faculty from the eight campuses will teach the courses, but a student’s degree will be awarded in the name of the institution in which he or she is enrolled.

The eight institutions are UTPA, UT Brownsville, UT Arlington, UT Dallas,

UT El Paso, UT Permian Basin, UT San Antonio, and UT Tyler. UT Austin decided not to participate in this program.

The educational technology program will include 39 hours of courses leading to a Master of Education degree in educational technology. The program will be offered through the auspices of UT Brownsville, which will deliver the first 12 hours of courses. Other academic institutions in the UT System are in the process of submitting proposals for delivery of the remain-

ing 27 hours of courses.

One goal is to design the programs so that students have a wide range of access to faculty. The programs will include “virtual conference rooms” in which, for example, a faculty member could post discussion topics. Students can connect to the conference room at any time and contribute their ideas.

There will also be live chat rooms, in which messages can be exchanged in real time. These can be used for review sessions, for group projects, and similar purposes.

Anyone interested in more information about these degree programs, including information about how to enroll and how to qualify for financial aid, can reach the UT TeleCampus at www.uol.com/telecampus or by calling 1-888-TEXAS-16.

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Fall Recruitment Fair



Above: Stephen Viña of the Pre-law Society and Julie Vega of United Methodist Campus Ministries discuss their respective organizations.

UTPA's Fall Recruitment Fair, sponsored by the Office of Student Development, was held Thursday in the University Ballroom. Student organizations from all over the campus were given an opportunity to recruit new members. Students were also given the chance to talk to student organizations and have their questions answered about the organization. "This fair is great. I never knew we had all these clubs. I got a lot of information and I'm thinking a joining at least two clubs. And as an added bonus I got a lot free stuff and candy," said Nelson Gonzalez, Senior.

"Since Pan Am is considered a commuter school, a lot of students are not aware of the different organizations that are on campus, this fair allows students to become aware of the different student organizations," said Erica Perez, Student Development Coordinator. "Students

should get involved with campus activities and one way is through a student organization. This fair gives students a chance to get information about an organization and have their questions about it answered," said Sandra Rosales, Coordinator of Campus Activities.

Approximately 50 student organizations were present. Prizes were given away to the two best decorated booths. The Elliot Chemical Society won first place and \$75. The French Club came in a close second and won \$50 for their effort. Food was also sold by organizations in an effort to raise money for their respective clubs. Students who are interested in joining a student organization or have any questions are encouraged to call the Office of Student Development at 381-2659 or come by their office in UC Room 305.

—story/Flor Morales

—photos/A. Baldwin Pan American



Above: G.L.O.B.A.L. members dance to the Village People's "Y.M.C.A." From left to right: Remy Saenz, John Juarez, Stephen Galvin and Harvey Caballero.



Left: Lot DiBenedetto explains the benefits of the Society for Human Resource Management to Sulema Jara and Marsha Campos.



Left: Elliot Chemical Society's winning booth. The society won \$75 for its effort. Right: Student Government President Frank Zaleta and Lizeth Zavala of the Association of Information Technological Professionals discuss campus beautification.



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A Tribe Called Quest calling it quits

By Jennifer Clair
The Daily Campus (U. Connecticut)
(U-WIRE) STORRS, Conn. — A Tribe Called Quest made the announcement that they were calling it quits during their opening set on the current Beastie Boys tour. In Milwaukee, Tribe-member Q-Tip announced that although they would complete their tour with the Beastie Boys, their recent album, "The Love Movement," would be their last.

The album is a follow-up to 1996's "Beats, Rhymes, & Life." It includes the single, "Against the World," and has guest appearances by Busta Rhymes and Redman.

The album shows a softer side of rap, touching on subjects such as love and relationships.

"We did this because this is the way we talk and relate to what's going on. This is how we feel about things. We go through things dealing with relationships that everyone else goes through," said Tribe's Ali.

"Tribe Called Quest are still the purest, most authentic motherf**ckers in hip-hop. You should salute them," said Busta Rhymes at a show this summer in New York City's Tramps nightclub.

Tribe has been together for almost a decade, and has been called one of the most influential groups in rap. Tribe set the pace for

a socially conscious school of rap, called the Native Tongues, keeping company with De La Soul, Queen Latifah, Jungle Brothers and Leaders of the New School, featuring Busta Rhymes. They have put out five albums, debuting with "People's Instinctive Travels and the Paths of Rhythm." Tribe is most famous for classics such as "Phony Rappers," "Buggin' Out," and "Scenario."

Q-Tip has begun involvement in a post-Tribe career in movies. He acted in an independent film called "Love Goggles." Sticky Fingaz of Onyx is also in the urban love story.

Beastie Boys: Hello Nasty welcome ear candy

If the Beastie Boys get any better, they may attain their karmic goal of nirvana. This album contains nothing but twenty-two tracks of fantastic ear candy. The first single, "Intergalactic" has been a favorite since it was first heard. Too bad for the listening public that certain radio stations leave it out of the playlist more often than not. "Super Disco Breakin'" starts it off right and "Flowin' Prose" keeps it moving. One of the few instru-

mental tracks, "Sneakin' Out the Hospital" is typical B-Boys talent in voiceless mode, and that means it effectively increases the mood. With only one album (the instrumentals) out since "III Communication", "Hello Nasty" is a welcome divergence from what is readily available on the radio as of late. The Beastie Boys have

come a long way since the days of "Brass Monkey", (not to imply that "Brass Monkey" isn't good in itself) and "Fight for Your Right (to Party)", and continue to improve with each album. So round up a few bucks and check out the latest from the boys that hail from New York.

-Review by Aaron Baldwin



Church unlikely sponsor of Halloween house of horrors

(AP) — If you want blood and guts this Halloween, you will get your fill at "Nightmare," a bloodcurdling production put on by an unlikely sponsor, Destiny Christian Center.

Young people also will get an elongated sermon about the dangers of making bad decisions, a religious message that has upset some visitors who were expecting a traditional "haunted house" experience.

Destiny Christian Center is an independent, Pentecostal church that has taken Halloween frights to a new level with graphic rooms of horror detailing what it sees as some of the major causes of death among teen-agers.

For instance, in the crack room, a teen-ager sits in a chair petting live rats. Others are in the throes of hallucinations. Smells of simulated marijuana smoke are piped into the room, and there are liquor bottles on the floor. The place is a mess, with a filthy mattress thrown on the floor. A girl is sprawled on the floor in a pool of blood,

apparently in the midst of a miscarriage.

In the suicide room, a girl puts a gun in her mouth and appears to blow her head away. Little pieces of scalp leap from the wig she is wearing. In the drunk-driving room, a blood-filled, battered car is littered with dead, drunk teen-age actors.

In gang alley, an old Cadillac with dice hangs from the mirror, and the walls are covered with graffiti. Visitors going through "Nightmare" will be intimidated by eight gangsters. Then a gunfight breaks out, and all but one are gunned down. The last is wearing a harness, and when the fake gunshots hit him, he is propelled violently backward.

Then there is the Satanic Church room, where a girl comes running out of the door of the church and is suddenly yanked violently back into the church by a mysterious force. There are also people in cages hanging from the ceiling and begging to be released.

In the last room, visitors see a man in a "Jesus suit" being

whipped. Then Jesus is shown on the cross, blood dripping from his body. And the cross tilts as if it were going to fall. There's blood everywhere.

"It's in your face," says church administrator Gregg Goodmanson. "It's not glamorous. Sometimes (in society) these issues are presented as glamorous, but they aren't."

But some people think ads for "Nightmare" misrepresent the experience.

"I thought it was very sacrilegious," said Dave Peterson, who took his wife, Holly, and their 8-year-old son to the event. "It was supposed to sell Jesus. It was real boring. Even my 8-year-old didn't think it was scary. Nowhere in the ad does it say anything about depicting religion. I'm not that religious, but they used Jesus to sell this stuff. It felt like a cult. I couldn't believe they were doing this for Halloween. This was stuff I didn't want to see, and I'm 27 years old."

"Nightmare's" 15,000 square feet of terror cost \$150,000 for the sets and computerized special effects.

Last weekend, about 800 people went through the simulated scenes. With an admission price of \$7, the event raised \$5,600 in one weekend.

The church has spent \$40,000 on advertising, including 40 billboards, ads on buses, in newspapers and on MTV, as well as radio spots, a Web site - www.thenightmare.com - and a telephone message at (612) 707-5580.

The church's senior pastor, the Rev. Joe Braucht, 37, delivers a five-minute video at the end of the tour stressing that bad choices will lead people to perdition. And there are counselors waiting at the end of the tour to talk to teens. The exhibit, organizers say, is aimed at ages 13 to 23.

"Some people think it's too bloody," he added. "Our response is, these kids see it all the time. You can't have 'Leave it to Beaver' in a 'Beavis and Butt-head' world."

Destiny's "Nightmare" is not the nation's first controversial church-sponsored Halloween program.

"Hell House," a 4-year-old effort by the fundamentalist Abundant Life Christian Center of Arvada, Colo., "has stunned, scared and sickened observers with such scenes as a car accident caused by drunken driving and an operating room showing a woman getting an abortion," according to Religion News Service. The exhibit also depicts hell with people writhing and screaming in misery.

This year, organizers said, the attraction is adding a scene about the White House scandal to its depictions of the evils the suburban Denver church believes afflict contemporary America.

"We'll have an Oval Office scene and a married couple playing Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky," the Rev. Kenneth Roberts, director and founder of Hell House, told RNS. "Three demon spirits lies, lust and adultery - will show the undoing of the president of the United States."

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Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19) You should be having a great time today with the moon in Leo. Pluto in Sagittarius gives you a grand trine in fire signs. You'll be so enthusiastic and exuberant that you'll bounce right over any minor difficulties.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Every time you turn around, you're running into opposition. Might as well get used to it. Hold your ground on the most important stuff, and let them have a few points. It'll distract them and you could get away with the thing you want most.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) You're more confident today, and that's drawing attention from a very attractive person. You'd like this person to think you're in control of everything, but don't pretend you know more than you do.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) The sun is in Libra and the moon is in Leo. Money is coming in today with a little help from you. Push the right buttons and pull the right strings. Take hold of an opportunity that's not going to last long.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) You're awesome today, passing even your own expectations, and the adoration you're getting is making you even more confident. You could do the whole thing alone, but it's much more fun to have others applauding your accomplishments.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An arrogant know-it-all is difficult to live with, but put up with it anyway. A key to your success is your adaptability, and that's going to come in handy. Another key is your ability to see

what's coming and stay out of the way, if necessary.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your friends will teach you what you need to know, or give you a boost when you get stopped. They might believe in you even more than you believe in yourself. Allow yourself to be convinced of your ability.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Put up with an older person's whims today. There's no point in arguing. He or she has the advantage, and won't listen anyway. Your drive is to succeed, and new opportunities are becoming available.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You and your friends are in festive moods, but don't forget the job at hand. Sure, you could make new friends and influence people's thinking, but you'll lose your job if you don't do the tedious, boring stuff.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may know a lot of the gossip already, but do you know where the real money's coming from, and going to? Well, if you keep your ear to the keyhole, you could find out today.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Join forces with a partner instead of butting heads and you'll figure out how to achieve a goal you share. If you don't have a shared goal yet, make that a priority.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) You'd like to make a date, but there may not be time. It looks like your work goes late. It might be a foul-up on somebody else's part, but you're the one who's delegated to fix it.

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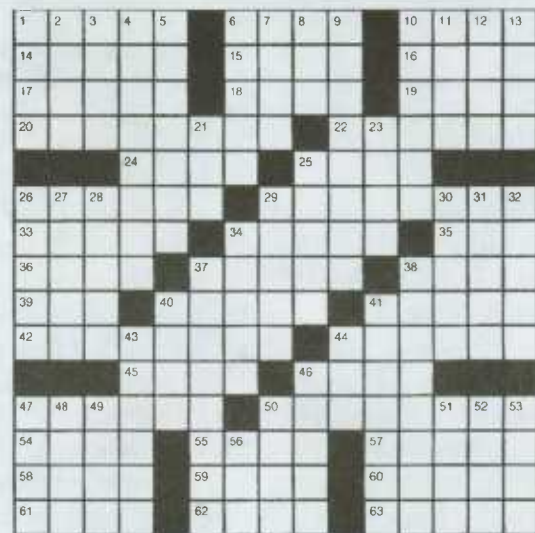
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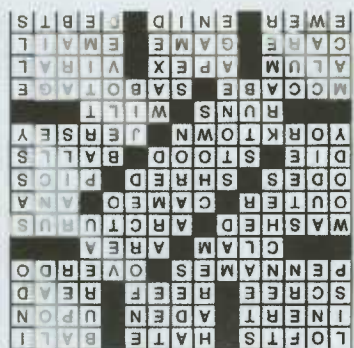
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Hamster's feigned death Provokes record complaints

LONDON (AP) — TV audiences watching a Levi's jeans commercial saw cute little Kevin the hamster spin merrily on his wheel. Suddenly he dropped dead on the floor of his cage.

As if that weren't enough, Kevin's lifeless form was poked with a pencil as it lay on a bed of sawdust.

More than 500 viewers were so upset they got up off their sofas to complain to the television regulatory authority last month. It was the largest number ever to register annoyance with the Independent Television Commission, which published its monthly report on Wednesday.

The commission logged 309 calls from adult viewers saying they had been upset by the advertisement. A further 163 complaints were received from parents saying their children had been upset because their own pet hamsters had died recently.

Nearly 50 people protested about possible cruelty to animals either in filming, or by children being encouraged to prod pets with pencils.

"This is the most complained-about advert since the ITC was set up in 1991," said spokeswoman Suzanne Prance.

Bartle Bogle Hegarty, the advertisement agency responsible, argued that the intention was not to upset or shock viewers, but to be humorous. Their furry star was brought out to prove he was still alive.

The commission said it was satisfied there had been no cruelty and it did not believe the commercial was likely to encourage mistreatment of pets.

But it said the commercial could upset children, and ruled it should not appear before 9 p.m.

But the ad is no longer running.

Kevin's agent and owner, Trevor Smith, was quoted by The Evening Standard as saying acting offers were flooding in for the 9-month-old rodent, but "he is fussy."

The point of the Levi's commercial was as obscure to Smith as to other viewers.

"I didn't get it," he was quoted as saying. "The idea of having a dead hamster at the end of the advert was a second choice. They wanted to show a bored hamster lying on its side but I explained that this was impossible because they are never still."

Ms. Prance said distress over Kevin's plight outstripped the previous record holder, which received more than 400 complaints.

"This was an Ikea advert which viewers thought implied that you could get rid of an employee to enable you to buy furniture from Ikea," Ms. Prance said.

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Supernova may have had a Role in Shakespeare's "Hamlet"

AUSTIN (AP) – A celestial spectacle that dazzled an imaginative boy may have received a role in one of English literature's best-known plays.

The supernova of 1572 may have been what William Shakespeare was describing in Act I of Hamlet, astronomers at Southwest Texas State University theorize.

"This supernova was so bright, people could see it during the daytime," said Don Olson. "This was a very disturbing sight."

The exploding star was visible for 16 months in the constellation of Cassiopeia west of Polaris, the North Star, he said.

In Hamlet, guards at Elsinore Castle discuss the possible foreboding of a star burning "westward from the pole."

The supernova would have taken place when Shakespeare was 8. He wrote Hamlet 29 years later.

The research by Olson, his wife and English professor Marilyn Olson and astronomer Russell L. Doescher are discussed in the newly released November issue of Sky & Telescope magazine.

For years, Olson has tried to answer old questions with modern techniques. Using astronomical calculations and computers, he can recreate the night skies at the precise moment and over the exact location of an event.

Among their research projects, they have determined that:

- The moon rose early the night Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was mortally wounded by his own troops during the battle at Chancellorsville. With less than two hours of daylight remaining, Jackson's troops had launched a flank attack that routed Union soldiers. Jackson and some aides rode ahead of his lines that evening to scout Union positions. As they rode back, a group of North Carolina troops on the lookout for Union cavalry patrols opened fire.

- Defense lawyer Abe Lincoln was, indeed, being honest when he used an almanac to discredit a prosecution witness. The witness claimed the light of a full moon enabled him to see a fatal beating. But the moon had almost dropped from view when the crime occurred at 11 p.m. Aug. 29, 1857.

- An uncommonly low tide nearly foiled the Boston Tea Party, leaving the patriots to dump tea into a harbor that was little more than a mud flat on the evening of Dec. 16, 1773.

- An unusually low, southeastern moonrise over Boston on April 18, 1775, cloaked Paul Revere in darkness as he rowed past a British warship toward Charlestown and his famous ride. Most evenings, the nearly full moon would have risen more directly east of the ship, and Revere likely would have been spotted.

Student Profile



Edgar Sandoval

– Dalith Cantu

Edgar Sandoval was born in Los Angeles, and when he was eight years old he moved to Zacatecas, Mexico. He spent his childhood there, and came back to the United States when he was 16. He went to four different high schools since his family moved a lot from one place to another. "I love coming to College, and I am very proud of saying everywhere I go that I go to UTPA," Sandoval said. He has gotten two internships, the first one in 1997 at *The Monitor* and then in 1998 at *The San Antonio Express News*. Those two jobs gave Edgar Sandoval the opportunity to prepare him to make his dream come true.

HOMETOWN: Mission

CLASSIFICATION: Senior

MAJOR: Journalism

PERSONAL: Single

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Pan - American Press Club

BEST THING ABOUT UTPA: The atmosphere

MAIN GRIPE: The lack of computers

ROLE MODEL: My mother

FAVORITE GETAWAY SPOT: Any dark place

HANDLE STRESS: Listening to music

PERSONAL MOTTO: Never give up

DREAM JOB: To Work at *The Los Angeles Times*

BEST FEATURE: My attitude

BEST ADVICE RECEIVED: Accept criticism

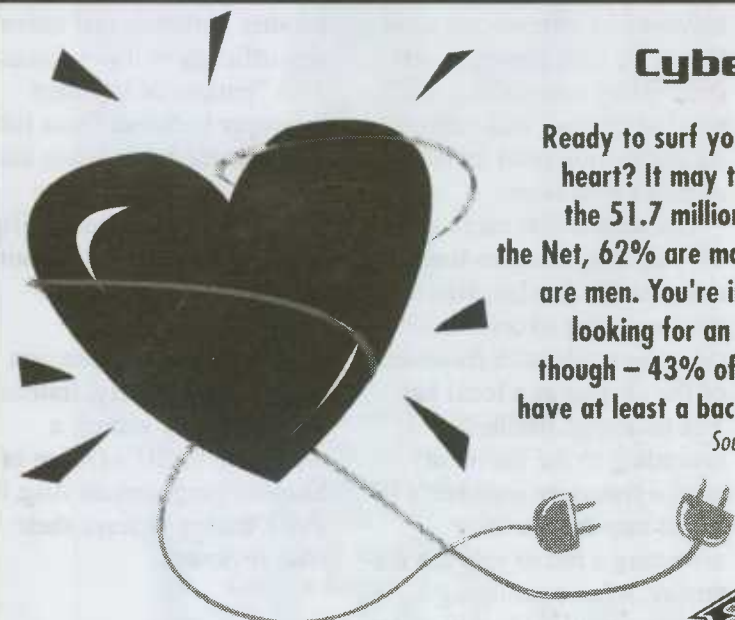
ADVICE TO COLLEAGUES: To be ambitious in your career

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NEWS

Thousands get flu shot at drive-through window

ATLANTA (AP) — On Saturday, motorists rolled up their sleeves, let down their windows and placed their order: One flu shot to go.

The free drive-thru flu shots drew hundreds of people seeking to get a jump on the flu season without even leaving their cars.

"It is the easiest, quickest way to get your flu shot,"

said Elyse Hammett, marketing director for Wesley Woods, the geriatric care center that gave out the flu shots.

The line of cars started forming about 90 minutes before the center opened and it soon extended around the block.

Some browsed through magazines and newspapers. Others just sat patiently as

nurses dotted through the rows of cars checking blood pressures and temperatures.

It was nothing new for Atlanta residents Mary McKnight, 81, and her 83-year-old husband, F.J., who have come here for their annual shot for the past two years.

"We like to get it early. It's more convenient than going to our doctor, and it's

free," said Mrs. McKnight.

Flu season gets into full swing next month. Each year in the U.S., the flu kills about 20,000 people, mostly people over 65, people with high-risk conditions such as chronic lung or heart disease, and children with asthma.

Last year, more than 1,500 people received the free shots at the center,

which is affiliated with Emory University. This year, officials estimated inoculating about 2,000.

Most of those taking advantage of the drive-thru service were elderly.

After getting jabbed in the arm, the patients were directed to a waiting area where they remained for 10 minutes to make sure they didn't react to the shot.

Off beat: Nun of that in our town

JOLIET, Ill. — What happens when you get four nuns in the same house? Wine and wafers, prayer sessions, organ music and Lord knows what else. It's enough to drive a neighbor crazy.

That's how Paul Masters felt when a group of sisters sought a zoning variance to allow a fourth into their home.

"This is a single-family residential area," said Masters, who has created a petition against the request.

Masters insists he is not anti-nun. He just wants to protect property values in an area where two group homes serving disabled adults already have been built.

The Joliet Zoning Board of

Appeals has approved the nuns' special-use permit and the matter goes before the full city council this week.

Tim Brophy, the councilman who represents the district, supports the permit. "These are nuns; how dangerous can they be?"

Syracuse fraternity Suspended for repeated "Improper Behavior"

The Syracuse University chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity has been suspended indefinitely after university officials found them in violation of four Codes of Student Conduct. Sigma Chi's most recent trouble came after a 19-year-old pledge was found unconscious in his room after a night of drinking with fraternity members.

As a result of the suspension, Sigma Chi will no longer be recognized by the university and can no longer be involved in campus activities like rush, social events and community service as a chapter. The chapter will remain on suspension until its last member graduates.

The suspension came after 19-year-old Jonathan Robbins, a Sigma Chi pledge, was hospitalized after excessive binge drinking while with members of the chapter at a local bar. The underage Robbins, according to the university, used a fraternity member's ID to get into the bar after accepting a bid to join the fraternity. After consuming a large amount of alcohol, mostly purchased by fraternity

brothers and new members, he was driven home. Robbins was found at 1 p.m. the next day unconscious and unresponsive. He was taken to an area hospital and found to have a blood alcohol content of .46%. He recuperated by the end of the week.

The university considers the encouragement of alcohol abuse by fraternity members a form of hazing, according to Kevin Morrow, a spokesman for SU. Sigma Chi had been on disciplinary probation for another violation that university officials will not discuss. This "pattern of repeated improper behavior" was taken into consideration when suspending the chapter. The national organization of Sigma Chi reportedly is deliberating its relationship with the Syracuse chapter.

Although the suspension begins immediately, fraternity members may submit a petition to SU's Office of Student Programs on Aug. 1, 1999, asking to have their case reviewed.

— Ryan Van Winkle
CPX

Books about homosexuality at center of controversy

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The City Council in Wichita Falls is struggling with how to answer ongoing protests over whether the public library should allow children access to books on homosexuality.

No one on the council appears willing to ban two controversial children's books about homosexual parents from the library.

But some members are leaning toward putting the books in a restricted area where children would need an adult's help to see or check them out.

That would make Wichita Falls unique among Texas libraries, according to a heavily anticipated study delivered to council members Friday.

For the past six months, "Daddy's Roommate" and

"Heather Has Two Mommies" have been the target of demands from area churches that the books be removed from the shelves, or at least placed behind the counter.

Protesters say the books promote homosexuality in violation of state law. Supporters say the books tastefully explain to the children of homosexual parents a situation that may confuse them.

Mayor Kay Yeager and City Manager Jim Berzina have said they will not bring the issue before the council.

Under council policy, that means three council members will have to ask for that to happen.

"I would like it be on the agenda, but not just yet," said member Bill Altman, who also

leans toward restricted access.

Said council member Bud Beaty, "The council is unanimous on this issue in that no one wants to remove these books from the library."

Beaty said he favors some type of parental control, but not enough council members agree with him.

The study of 21 Texas public libraries was conducted by city staff over the past 90 days. It reviewed the number of requests for the two books in the other libraries, and how they handled them.

Assistant City Manager Robert Powers refused to release a copy of the study, saying the council needed time to review it before it became public.

NEWS

Experts fear attacks on Serbs may have undesired side effects

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - With the possibility of NATO air strikes against Serbia increasing, military and political experts warn that the use of force may have a number of unwanted side effects, including the need for NATO ground troops in Kosovo.

NATO officials admitted last week that after air strikes it would be necessary to have a ground force in Kosovo to keep the warring sides apart and create the secure atmosphere needed to encourage tens of thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees to return home.

"That is why I'm ambivalent about air strikes," said Paul Beaver, military analyst with Jane's Defense Weekly. "You can't just have air strikes and leave it at that. You need a ground force after that to make it work, that's why you still have resistance from some NATO countries to the strikes."

The need for ground troops would be unpopular with Western nations that already have made a long-term commitment to placing soldiers inside Bosnia to implement the 1995 Dayton peace accord.

The Clinton administration has indicated that U.S. forces will not be used on the ground in Kosovo.

Beaver said NATO planners also worry that aerial assaults on Serb military assets will strengthen the Kosovo Liberation Army, the ethnic Albanian separatists fighting to wrest control of the province of Kosovo from the Serbs.

This is undesirable to NATO officials because the KLA's goal of an independent Kosovo is not supported by Western powers and because the loosely organized guerrilla group has been accused of committing atrocities against Serb civilians.

The KLA declared a ceasefire Thursday afternoon, but in

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Failing diplomacy

The international community has tried repeatedly to negotiate peace in Kosovo. So far, all efforts have failed.

Parties involved in the conflict, and the methods they have used:

D Diplomacy **M** Military

Yugoslavia

D **M** President Slobodan Milosevic

Operating within Kosovo

M Yugoslav Army

M Serbian security forces

M Serbian police

International community

D U.S. special envoy
Richard Holbrooke

D European Union

D United Nations

D **M** NATO

Kosovo

D Ibrahim Rugova, elected in 1992 as "president" of self-proclaimed Rep. of Kosovo. Political absolutist, pacifist; steadily losing influence

M Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA); fast-growing underground organization that opposes Rugova's pacifist policy. Status: About 30,000 KLA fighters under arms

SOURCE: International Crisis Group



- the government this week issued a decree banning the radio broadcast of foreign news reports, and Serbian Vice President Vojislav Seselj said Thursday that some political parties may soon be outlawed as well. "After air strikes, it is possible that political parties that work against the interests of our country will be banned," said Seselj, the hard-line leader of the Serbian Radical Party. At a news conference, he also issued a personal threat Thursday to Serbs who work with the foreign press, warning that they will not be safe if NATO

attacks. He extended his threat to foreign journalists from countries that take part in the anticipated attacks, including reporters from Britain, the United States and Italy.

"If you are a citizen or a journalist from a country that takes part in the attack, the smart thing for you to do is to be very far from Serbia," he said. "You should leave the country. Our aim is not to strangle the free press, but we are against media that are foreign spies."

Ivica Dacic, spokesman for Milosevic's Social Party of Serbia, said Thursday that it was necessary to prohibit the broadcast of foreign news stations because they had been acting as "a Fifth Column" against the government.

The government is expected to formalize the ban within days by enacting a law in Parliament that would make it

a crime to rebroadcast foreign news reports.

The government campaign against the press intensified last week after news reports of several massacres committed by Serb forces prompted the U.N. Security Council to demand that Milosevic withdraw his forces from Kosovo.

Veran Matic, editor-in-chief of the independent Radio B92 station and coordinator of a network that includes more than 30 stations, said that he will reluctantly comply with the ban for the next 48 hours while the government formulates the new law.

"The government aim is not just to ban foreign news but to create a lynch mob atmosphere against the independent media," Matic said. "The more professional you are, the more vulnerable you are to attack from the state."

He said that Western planners mistakenly seem to believe that NATO raids would lead to a swelling of anti-Milosevic sentiment when the attacks instead would give Milosevic an opening to silence all opponents.

"Nobody seems aware that air raids would turn Serbia into a combination of Iraq and Libya," he said. "It is obvious that air raids would result in Milosevic ridding Serbia of all opponents, including non-governmental agencies and press that operate here."

The worsening security situation for Westerners in Yugoslavia was highlighted Thursday when a convoy of vehicles carried diplomats and their families from the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade to safety in Hungary. Other Western embassies also evacuated the Yugoslav capital.

They were joined in their exodus by many Yugoslavs who sought refuge outside the country because of fears that a NATO attack is imminent.

a written statement released in Kosovo it retained the right to resume military activities if Serb forces attack.

NATO officials also are concerned that an air assault with cruise missiles and warplanes might leave Serbia's military capacity so damaged that Croatia, a mortal enemy of the Serbs, might attack and reignite the Balkan wars.

"NATO does not want to help the KLA create an independent Kosovo, and they are watching what Croatia does very closely," Beaver said. "They don't want to make Serbia too vulnerable."

In addition, observers in Serbia believe that a series of NATO air strikes would strengthen the hand of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and spur a crack-down on the fledgling democratic reform movement and the emerging independent press.

Both movements - for

democracy and a free press - have received wide support from Western countries in the last few years. They are seen as vital developments needed to end the cycle of violence that has plagued the Balkans since the breakup of Yugoslavia.

"If the bombing raids come, it would postpone the democratic process in Serbia and make Milosevic even stronger, as it did with Saddam in Iraq," said Miodrag Perisic, vice president of the opposition Democratic Party. "There would be a strong anti-American and anti-Western reaction that would bolster Milosevic."

Perisic, who in Parliament has called for Milosevic's resignation, warned that the government would use NATO attacks as an excuse to crush its internal enemies.

The repression of independent media already has begun

SPORTS

Lady Broncs hold off strong alumni To win in thrilling 5-set victory



After falling behind 2 sets to 1, the UTPA Lady Bronc volleyball team (8-10) clawed their way back to a hard-fought five-set victory over their alumni team Saturday night at the Fieldhouse.

Junior outside hitter Becky Boykin put up 17 kills lifting the Lady Broncs to a 15-10, 4-15, 7-15, 15-7, 15-12 victory.

"I expected the alumni to give us a game and they sure did. If they would've won I'm sure our assistants that participated would've been in our face," said Boykin.

The alumni squad used a balanced attack to keep the Lady Broncs on their heels the entire match. Leading the way, current student assistant coach Vivian Montemayor who chipped in 10 kills. Veterans Christine Alvarez and Kealani Kukahiko collected seven apiece.

The alumni squad included one unique member. Cita Jimenez who helped the 1972 Lady Bronc's win the District 6 championship was on



Lady Bronc Seniors Heather Goodman-Mergan, Becky Gutierrez and Miya Shimada were honored at Parents' Night.

hand to help the alumni.

"I knew this team would put up a good fight because they are Bronc products. I saw most of them play while they were here and I knew they were good," said Jimenez.

Saturday night was also Parent's night and Mrs. Jimenez's presence provided an extraordinary opportu-

nity. It allowed her to compete against her daughter and current Lady Bronc co-captain Cita Jimenez.

"It was exciting to see her on the other side because how often do you get that kind of opportunity," said the younger Jimenez.

The Parents' Night festivities

included honoring the final home performance of Lady Bronc seniors Heather Goodman-Mergan, Miya Shimada, and Erica Gutierrez.

The evening was also dedicated as Breast Cancer Awareness Night as the Committee of Women's Issues and the Susan G. Komen foundation provided free information on early detection.

"It was a great game for a great cause. Being a woman cancer is something we need to be more cautious of. We need to pass this down to the younger ladies," said the elder Jimenez.

The Lady Broncs hit the road for a match against Texas A&M Kingsville.

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Lady Broncs Host volleyball Camp for Local youth



-Christine Phillips/The Pan American

Cita Jimenez sets one for Jennifer Soto

The Lady Bronc volleyball team welcomed members of the Boys and Girls' Club of McAllen to the UTPA Fieldhouse for an instructional clinic Saturday.

Girls between the ages of 8-11 participated in the hour long clinic before the Green and White Alumni match.

"We wanted to introduce the girls to the sport of volleyball and hopefully they will become excited about learning more," said UTPA head coach, Dave Thorn.

The clinic consisted of various drills to improve technique and emphasize fundamentals of the game.

Each girl practiced serving and passing the ball along with learning to hit the ball.

Boys and Girls' Club volleyball supervisor, Pat Garcia, was on hand to watch the girls in the clinic.

"A major influence for young girls is to see young women playing in college. This clinic helped them become aware of the game of volleyball," said Garcia.

The clinic was part of the Parents' weekend festivities which included a banquet earlier Saturday for parents and players culminating with the annual Green and White Alumni game at the Fieldhouse.

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-Christine Phillips/The Pan American

Lady Bronc Rosie Ramos gives passing tips to Angela Cantu.

SPORTS

Tennis teams compete in exhibition

Two three-set victories earned the Bronc men's tennis team a 5-5 tie on the second day of a weekend exhibition match versus Monterrey Tech at the Cox Tennis Center Sunday.

Jorge Cuesta and Frederik Darmont overcame second set losses to win the No. 2 and 3 men's matches.

To alleviate travel for the visitors, all three-set matches were decided with a sudden-death tie-break.

Cuesta defeated Monterrey's Manuel Avina 6-0, 6-7, 8-6, while Darmont took care of Jorge Garza 6-2, 3-6, and 10-8 in the tie-break. Also winning on the men's side was senior Rafael Gonzalez.

"Today I played better than I have in the past two weeks. My volleys and my aggressiveness helped me win the match," said Darmont.

After going down 4-0, Enrique Bastante fought back to defeat Tech's Luis Mercado in the No. 1 singles 6-4, 6-0. Bastante withdrew

from Saturday's No. 1 singles match with Manuel Avina after suffering leg cramps.

"I felt a little better and I hit the ball well, but I was still tired so I need to work myself back into shape," said Bastante.

On the women's side Monterrey Tech dominated sweeping UTPA 7-0 Sunday with the Lady Bronc's only victory coming by way of Gladys Fernandez's victory over Claudia Lozano here Saturday.

"The ladies should be stronger later in the year. We're expecting some new players and Amanda Reyes should be eligible," said head coach Greg Hilley.

Up next for the Broncs, the UT Arlington Invitational.

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The Pan American



Enrique Bastante serves in the second set of his match against Luis Mercado. Bastante won 6-4, 6-0.

Madness begins Friday

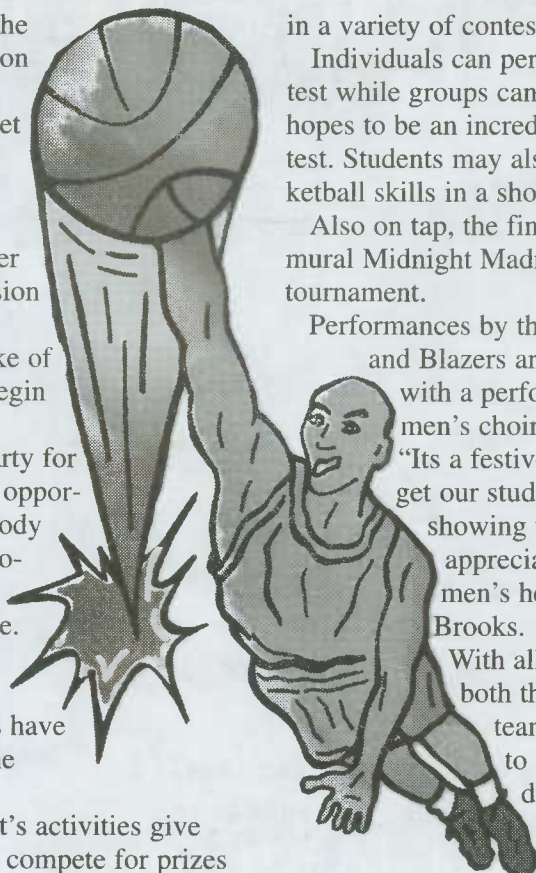
The official start of the college basketball season known simply as Midnight Madness is set for its fifth installment Friday night at the Fieldhouse.

UTPA along with over 300 other NCAA Division I programs across the country, await the stroke of midnight to officially begin the 1998 season.

"It's a coming out party for the players and it is an opportunity for the student body to take a look at our program" said women's assistant coach Rod Lee.

Activities are set to begin at 10:30 p.m. and several promotions have been put in place for the nights festivities.

A portion of the night's activities give students opportunity to compete for prizes



in a variety of contests.

Individuals can perform in a dance contest while groups can participate in what hopes to be an incredibly loud spirit contest. Students may also test their own basketball skills in a shooting contest.

Also on tap, the finals of the annual intramural Midnight Madness 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Performances by the UTPA Cheerleaders and Blazers are scheduled along with a performance by the UTPA men's choir.

"It's a festive event. Its one way to get our students involved while showing them how much we appreciate their support," said men's head coach Delray Brooks.

With all the activities aside, both the men and women's teams will be introduced to the crowd. After introductions, the teams will conduct practice till about 12:30.

Aggies shock Huskers

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Nebraska's 19-game winning streak was snapped by Texas A and M, which beat the second-ranked Cornhuskers 28-21 for its first victory over a Top 5 team since 1975.

Sedrick Curry's interception with 59 seconds left stopped Nebraska's final drive, ended the nation's longest major-college winning streak and handed Huskers coach Frank Solich his first loss since replacing Tom Osborne.

"We're down and hurt right now," Solich said. "We're not accustomed to taking a loss."

Nebraska, which has won or shared three of the last four national titles, lost for just the fourth time in 69 games and suffered its first defeat since a 37-27 loss to Texas in the Big 12 championship game in 1996.

No. 18 Texas A and M beat Nebraska (5-1, 1-1 Big 12) at its own ground game.

The Huskers were outrushed 259-141 by the Aggies (5-1, 2-0). Two A and M runners gained over 100 yards _ Dante Hall with 113 and Ja'Mar Toombs with 110.

"We've been so close so many times to beating Top 10 teams like Florida State and UCLA," offensive lineman Cameron Spikes said. "This time we didn't shoot ourselves in the foot."

Nebraska, which beat A and M 54-14 last December in the Big 12 title game, fell behind 28-7 in the fourth quarter before rallying. But the comeback fell short when Curry intercepted a pass by Bobby Newcombe.

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